

TESTIMONY OF
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Energy and Technology Committee
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**RE: S.B. No. 1049, AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND
VIRTUAL NET METERING**

**S.B. No. 1079, AN ACT CONCERNING WATER COMPANIES AND VIRTUAL NET
METERING**

Eversource Energy thanks the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. 1049 and S.B. 1079. Eversource is committed to finding ways to support Connecticut's energy goal of providing cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy resources to the citizens of our state. We are concerned about the cost impact that many of these new initiatives will have on our customers. As such, first and foremost, we support a study to be conducted by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to determine the benefits and cost impact of any proposed public policy initiative prior to implementation. We believe that this is in the best interest of the state's electric customers. We are concerned that bills such as these will shift costs to non-participating customers, which may particularly impact our low income customers.

S.B. No. 1049 expands the virtual net metering program to hydroelectric facilities owned by municipalities. S.B. No. 1079 proposes to extend the virtual net metering program to water companies that treat and distribute public water supplies.

We are concerned with the expansion of the virtual net metering program absent a study of the benefits and cost shifting impacts and urge a study be conducted. Thank you.